

**NH JJ Reform Commission  
Youth and Families Subcommittee**

**Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

**MEETING DATE:** February 15, 2023 3pm-4pm

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**Attendees:** Haven, Chair / Youth Participant  
Mark Rolon, Parent Participant  
Geoff Wilson, CASA  
Jorge Santana, LISCW  
Michael Geha, Salem PD – via zoom  
Jennifer Archer, Juvenile Justice Services

**Absent:**

**Transcriber:** Jennifer Archer, Juvenile Justice Services

**Meeting Discussion:**

The subcommittee reviewed its goals. Efforts were made to ensure objectives were outlined, goals were clear and achievable, and the intent in goals were valued. Updated goals and objectives are:

1. Research existing supports for at risk youth and families, identify gaps and area needs, and ensure that information on those resources are available at all schools.
  - a. Advocate for fatherhood structured support groups where fathers can share experiences, obtain education, and nurture supportive relationships.
  - b. Strive to supplant needed opportunities related to the data received.
2. Increase educational opportunities to parents and youth of the programs available and how to access those services.
  - a. Review available data and identify any data collection needs.
  - b. Assess needs related to transportation barriers for families to engage in visitation, healthy parent/child relationships, and appointments.
3. Create a rubric for the subcommittee's process of obtaining input from youth and parents involved in the juvenile justice system.
  - a. Create youth and parent surveys.
  - b. Ensure feedback obtained is incorporated in the JJRC's three-year plan and initiatives.
  - c. Engage in the annual DCYF youth summit and other events to elicit feedback and recruitment efforts for JJRC youth membership.

The subcommittee reviewed its responsibilities outlined in the JJRC Bylaws, which are: Contact and seek regular input from youths currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system. Contact and seek regular input from families, guardians, and/or caregivers involved with the juvenile justice system. Increase opportunities for youth, families, guardian and/or caregiver education and advocacy. The group believes their goals and objectives directly relate to these responsibilities. Members discussed the system's mapping being done by the System's Improvement Subcommittee and a coordination that can occur to utilize information they have gained in the mapping process to inform education to families and youth.

The subcommittee has coordinated with the DCYF Youth Advisory Board and is on their agenda for a virtual meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> to share the JJRC's current initiatives and obtain feedback from the youth. JJS Archer is coordinating with SYSC to work towards a similar sharing and feedback session with the detained and committed youth. Haven and JJS Archer will contact the Youth Summit planning committee to inquire about setting up a booth during the event this year. LISCW Santana shared his experience creating and using QR codes to obtain responses at events. He offered to create a code to use if the subcommittee is able to set up at the Youth Summit.

Membership of the subcommittee was reviewed. All members were in attendance. JJS Archer advised of a new youth member joining the JJRC next month who will join this group as well. Haven will have conversations about the opportunity with members of the Youth Advisory Board she feels may be interested. The subcommittee reviewed the schedule of meetings to ensure the most participation can be achieved with its current schedule and will continue to assess the schedule based upon the abilities of new members.

**Next Meetings:**

Youth and Families Subcommittee 3/7/23 3pm-4pm

JJRC Meeting 3/13/23 9am-11am

Youth Advisory Board (guests at virtual meeting) 3/15/23 4pm-5:30pm